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SUBJECT: SEC ACTION AGAINST AMERICAN INSTITUTE COUNSELORS ET AL.

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- 1. AIC, AIER AND SWISS CREDIT BANK, WITH CONSENT OF SEC AND SPECIAL COUNSEL, HAVE APPLIED TO U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR PERMISSION TO MAKE AN INTERIM QUARTERLY PAYMENT OF APPROXIMATELY \$1 MILLION, DUE RESERVED LIFE BENEFICIARIES ON JANUARY 31, OUT OF ASSETS HELD BY SCB IN ZURICH. PROGRESS GROUP HAS AGREED.
- 2. INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO THE EFFECT THAT MANY BENEFICIARIES DEPEND ON THESE PAYMENTS FOR LIVING EXPENSES.
- 3. DURING FEB 17 HEARING ON APPLICATION TO ALLOW PAYMENT, JUDGE GESELL INDICATED HE WISHED AN ASSURANCE THAT GOS HAS NO OBJECTION TO MAKING PAYMENT. SEC REQUESTS CONFIRLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MATION, ORALLY OR IN WRITING, THAT GOS CONCURS BY COB

FEBRUARY 19.

- 4. YOU MAY INFORM GOS THAT DUE TO COMPLEXITY OF MATTER AND NECESSITY OF OBTAINING APPROVAL OF OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PAPERS BEING PREPARED BY SEC WILL BE TRANSMITTED EARLY NEXT WEEK.
- 5. SEC HAS NOW GIVEN APPROVAL TO PLAN OF LIQUIDATION DESCRIBED REFTEL. INGERSOLL

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